

**First Sunday of Advent**

**November 29, 2015**

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Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

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**The Approach to God**

**PRELUDE**

*"Come, Thou Fount"*

Hand Bell Choir

**CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      *"Come, My Way"*      Taurian Parham, Baritone

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

(from Psalm 130)

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

And in his word I hope;

My soul waits for the Lord more than the watchmen for the morning.

Hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love and plenteous redemption.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #149**

*"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"*

(Congregation sings first and third lines)

**\*SALUTATION**

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING**

Congregation: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the peace and hope you unfailingly offer us. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

**CONGREGATIONAL SONGS**

*"Keep Hope alive [4x] Don't let the dream die! Got to keep hope alive!"*

*Hallelujah. I found Jesus, and He's so real, so real to me.  
His love keeps flowing like a river, and with Him I always want to be."*

**PSALM READING**

**Psalm 25:1-10**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and  
ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.*

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*"In His Arms"*

**The Word of God****PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION****SCRIPTURE**

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (p. 572 OT)  
I Thessalonians 3:9-13 (p. 158 NT)

**\*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP****\*HYMN #151**

*"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

**SERMON**

**"Advent: HOPE"**

**Our Response to God****\*CONFESION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed

(p. 12 hymnal)

**RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS****MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*"Prayer"*

Chancel Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION****\*CLOSING HYMN #232**

*"The King Shall Come"*

**\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

*"In His Arms"*

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*The congregation may stand.

Today's Usher: Barbara Araromi

Fellowship: Jeff & Jane Dewitt

Ushers for December 6: Pete & Barbara Nickel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME

We welcome to worship ministry this morning Taurian Parham, vocal major and recent graduate of Shaw University.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will be having a short Congregational Meeting after the worship service this morning in order to elect an elder and a deacon to serve on the consistory.

### EMPTY NESTERS

Plan to join the Empty Nesters for their monthly dinner outing this **Tuesday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m.** at the Olive Garden in Crossroads in Cary. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

### SOUP, SANDWICH AND SCRIPTURE

We will have our traditional (we have done it more than twice, so it must be traditional) Soup, Sandwich and Scripture study during Advent. We will meet at noon on Wednesdays beginning Dec. 3. Pastor Chuck provides the soup. You provide a sandwich if you want one. And together we will study some passages to prepare us for Christmas.

### AMY NYLAND

Amy Nyland will be here on the weekend of December 12 and 13.

### FOOD PANTRY

Needed items are as follows: applesauce, fruit cocktail, canned potatoes, canned mixed vegetables, beverages, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce & noodles, flour, sugar, baking mixes, personal hygiene items, paper products, diapers & cleaning products. Thanks for your help.

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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